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Mr. Johnson:

The attached report has been prepared in response to a request for the establishment of a national policy on satellite reconnaissance. It is an excellent report and succinct to the point that it should not be briefed but read in its entirety.

Although the report was prepared by State where vague legal, political and moral objections have long been voiced, the report recognizes the overriding requirements of the national interest.

The recommended policy in regard to these satellites is clear and justifiable, and is established in a position between the U.S. stand in the U.N. relating to the peaceful uses of outer space and the basic security requirement for this system.

The policy should be accepted in its entirety and implemented as soon as possible. In fact, it should have been developed two years ago. Had there been such a well-conceived plan for the utilization of the U-2, the unfortunate developments of that program probably would never have occurred.

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